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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 19, 1895.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PALMER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 8811.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8811) granting a pension to James Jones, have examined the same and report: The report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8811) granting a pension to James Jones, have considered the same and respectfully report:

The claimant was a private in Captain Streetman's company of Georgia Volunteers in the Creek Indian war of 1836, and the records show that he was paid for twenty days' service therein. He declares that he also served in Capt. Green B. Bell's company, and that his total service covered a period of more than thirty days.

He filed an application at the Pension Office under the Indian war act of July 27, 1892, but the same was rejected on the ground of the failure of the record to show but twenty days' service.

As stated above, the service of twenty days in Captain Streetman's company is a matter of record, but such rolls of Captain Ball's company as are on file fail to bear his name, and the Pension Bureau takes the position that as the service of Ball's and Streetman's companies, so far as can be determined by the records, covered practically the same period of time, Mr. Jones could not have served in both organizations. However, Mr. Jones's statement of his service is given in such straightforward detail and his reputation for veracity is so well vouched for as to carry conviction that the period of his service did, as a fact, cover more than thirty days.

Owing to the long time which has elapsed none of his comrades are now living and he has been unable to furnish the corroborative testimony required by the Pension Office.

Mr. Jones is now about 76 years old and stands in need of the pension provided by the bill.

The bill is returned with a favorable recommendation.